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PPRAA STAGES ONE OF MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTIONS HELD IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION, 510 REGISTERED

The 1966 Rocky Mountain Division convention, sponsored by the PPRAA and held in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium June 18 and 19 turned out to be one of the best ever held in the division. A total of 510 persons registered, also a very high mark for conventions in the division.

In addition to the many fine lectures on masers, antennas, time and frequency standards, varactors and transistors, VHF scatter communications and amateur slow scan television, there were numerous displays and demonstrations which held the interest of the large crowd which attended each day.

JULY 13 MEETING TO FEATURE EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

The July meeting of the PPRAA, on the 13th in the Red Cross building, will be one of mainly entertainment, according to President Art Mayer.

The highlight of the meeting will be a slide talk by Bart Whitehouse of the Denver Club on hamming and fly-his own plane through Alaska.

About the only business for the evening will be a report from Wally, KØWMD, on the convention, which of course should be very interesting.

Due to the special nature of this meeting, a special invitation has been extended to the YLs and XYLs of the PPRAA members.

The usual prizes and coffee.

Signal personnel from Ft. Carson had a mobile RTTY display that carried on at first outside the auditorium to help attract personnel, and was later moved inside out of the Saturday morning showers. Air Force MARS from Peterson Field also had a mobile radio setup on display.

B&A, Heath Company and C&W Electronics of Denver and D&M Electronics of Colorado Springs had some fine displays of amateur radio gear to delight the eyes of everyone interested in amateur radio operation.

Another interesting display was that of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service, headquartered at Philadelphia College of the Bible, "a network of born-again amateur radio operators dedicated to providing dependable com-

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Editorial

A LOT OF HARD WORK

The 1966 Rocky Mountain Division convention has come and gone and anyone who had any kind of a "tongue-in-cheek" concern about the ability of the PPRAA to put on a completely successful convention can now put that tongue where it belongs---praising the efforts and long hours spent, especially those efforts of the convention committee.

A convention doesn't just run itself--it takes many hours of planning and replanning and replanning. For Wally Rowland, KØWMD, the convention meant seven long months of hard work, and he deserves every bit of thanks that every member of the PPRAA can give him. We're lucky to be "blessed" with such a person in the organization.

Ed Pompea's splendid efforts in the program field resulted in what at all times resembled a smooth-running three-ring circus that might well have been envied by P. T. Barnum and the Ringling Brothers.

Rosemarie Lewis was a "ball of fire" making arrangements before the convention, and with the help of the

XYLs of several of the club members handled a smooth job of registering all of the guests.

Bill Haskin, Art Meyer, Pete Demario, Max Main and Phil Kraushaar put in many long hours and much effort before and during the convention, efforts which did much to contribute to the success and smooth running of the affair.

Howard Dump, Eldon Lewis and John Felix were active from the time the auditorium was opened for our use on Friday afternoon until long after the convention closed Sunday all doing many of those "dirty little details" no one else wanted to do.

Many thanks must go to all of the newspapers who were so generous with their news columns to publicize the convention and its activities. The Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce reportedly credited the large attendance at the convention to the publicity given by the newspapers.

Our thanks also go to the Air Force MARS at "Pete" Field and to the Fort Carson signal crew who not only provided an interesting display but also assisted in setting up the PA system.

C&W Electronics, B&A and the Heath Company distributors of Denver and our local D&M Electronics deserve praise for their "mouthwatering" displays of fine equipment.

Credit is given elsewhere in this issue to others who made the convention such a success. If we've missed anyone, it is because so many helped we couldn't list them in six pages.

Suffice to say "Thanks everyone---you can all be proud of the part you played in one of the most successful conventions ever to be staged in the Rocky Mountain Division. You helped show the ARRL that the PPRAA really knows how to put on a convention.

---Frank - WØHWH

SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

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munication to the mission fields via amateur radio."

The Colorado Electronics Training center of Colo. Springs, also had a display of the methods used in instructing students at their school.

Gov. John A. Love was one of the distinguished guests at the convention. He appeared in the auditorium little theater Saturday afternoon to welcome the visitors to Colorado and praise the work of amateur radio operators, especially for their work during the 19-65 Colorado flood.

Among the other visitors were Bob Denniston, WØNWX, ARRL president, Charles Compton, WØBUO, ARRL vice president, and R. O. "Doc" Best, W5QKF, director of ARRL's West Gulf Division (Texas and Oklahoma.)

The showers on Saturday at the time George Kowalski, WØGCH, had his transmitter hunt, put a damper on the affair and only three persons managed to find George's transmitter hidden near Rattlesnake Hill. KØEOC was the first to arrive, with KØEQM in second place and KØESG the only other arrival.

Pete Demario, KØUDG, found a lot of contestants "dragging their feet" when he conducted his code speed contest Sunday. No one could get past the 20 wpm mark. Robert W. Howe, K7-NHL, won, with Chuck Camp, KØIFT, who made one error, second.

One of the most attention-drawing demonstrations was that of "Cop" Macdonald, with his slow-scan tele-TV demonstration on 20 meters. He successfully received signals from a station in Indianapolis and another in Seattle, both of whom reported receiving good signals from Cop.

Members of the convention committee who were responsible for staging the fine convention were:

Wally Rowland, KØWMD, convention chairman.

Bill Haskin, KØCEN, co-chairman.

Ed Pompea, KØZPG, program.

Art Mayer, WAØAEH, advertising and prizes.

Max Main, WØBDH, finance.

Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNL, registration.

Philip Kraushaar, KØJXQ, information.

Frank Craw, WØHWH, publicity.

Pete Demario, KØUDG, Howard Dump, WAØBDG; John Felix, KØSLN, and Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, miscellaneous.

Earl Leonard, WØSWM, Wouff Hong.

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CONVENTION "HARMONICS"

What did visiting ARRL officials think of the way the PPRAA put on a convention?

All of the comments---every one of them favorable---would fill at least twice the number of pages in this issue of Ø Beat and leave room for nothing else in the way of club news. However here are a few "capsulized" results of interviews with them on the last day of the convention.

"Terrific"---Bob Denniston, ARRL president.

"One of the best I've ever had the pleasure of attending"---Dick Baldwin of the ARRL Hq. staff.

"On a par with any convention ever staged in the Rocky Mountain Division---the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, and especially the convention committee can be proud of this

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accomplishment. "---Carl Smith, director of the Rocky Mountain Division.

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One of the hardest workers during the convention was Florence Kaplicky, who with her crew in the snack bar, was on hand Friday night to pass out free coffee and doughnuts to the pre-convention workers and passed out a lot of sandwiches, pastry, coffee and milk Saturday and Sunday to assure that the persons at the convention had plenty to eat. If only we were lucky enough to have more non-ham boosters who worked like Florence!

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Talk about luck! It's a good thing the Ed Pompea family isn't any bigger or no one else would have found anything left to take home.

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Three members of the PPRAA are justly entitled to be called the "night owls" of the convention. Bill Mueller, KØFHS, Wesley Wilson, KØHBZ, and Johnny Summers, WAØHHO, brought along their sleeping bags and spent Friday and Saturday nights at the auditorium, guarding all the valuable equipment set up for the convention. A fourth "all nighter" was Jim Kieffaber, KØSPS, who arrived at the auditorium Friday midnight after work and spent the rest of the night there painting his sign and getting ready for his "Swap and Shop" chores.

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One of the persons at the convention (who said "no name please"), who had just come from the national ARRL convention, commented that we had a better program and more prizes than the national meeting.

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Winners of Pete Demario's Left

Footed Code Contest were Will Gregson, K4GMC/Ø, first at 13 wpm; Bill Mueller, KØFHJ, second at 12 wpm; Bryan Lord, WAØJVX, third at 11 wpm. Best female contestant was Annabelle Meck, KØWZM, at 7-1/2 wpm. A total of 17 persons competed.

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The Saturday chuckwagon dinner drew its share of favorable comments. "Formal convention banquets are all the same," said Rocky Mountain Division director Carl Smith. "The only difference between them is a different location. The informality of this affair was a delightful change."

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Jim Kieffaber, KØSPS, found his "Swap and Shop" corner one of the top spots of the convention. After drooling over all the new gear displayed by the various distributors, many of the visitors had to satisfy their desire for more equipment by picking up some of the used gear from Jim's three long tables of items.

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Max Main, WØBDH, and Art Geyer, K8SWW, both of whom had contributed many long hours and much effort toward making the convention a success, made a further outstanding "contribution" on Sunday afternoon. Paul Barcham, ZL2AN, and his XYL decided at the last minute they would like to attend the luncheon, but found that all the tickets had been sold. Max and Art graciously gave up their luncheon tickets so that the two visitors from "down under" would be able to get in on the final event of the convention.

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NEW MEMBERS---Will G. Gregson, K4GMC/Ø; Dick Jedlicka, WB6PVQ; Daniel L. Colburn, WB6BUS; Rudolf Wroblewski; Ronald Seats, KØLZD; Dean Juynes; R. H. Hollenbeck, WAØOQN.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

(This is the first---and perhaps the last if there isn't a better response ---of a series of short biographies of the members of the PPRAA. Of the more than 100 copies of Ø Beat that went out last month with the announcement of this series---and a form to provide the editor with information to write them---only five were turned in at the June meeting. Either the members are bashful or they have too many "skeletons in the closet." If more replies are received, this column will be continued. If not, the column must of necessity be dropped. ---Ed.)

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KØCEN - William D. (Bill) Haskin

Banker with Pikes Peak National Bank. Has been a bus driver for the Transit Co., a cab driver and a store manager for Neisner Bros. (Nash, Kelvinator.) Operated since Feb. 1955. 80, 10 and 2 meter SSB and AM xmtr., HQ 110 rcvr. Other hobbies: woodworking and loafing.

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WØJSW/K8SWW - Arthur (Art) Geyer

Automobile testing on Pikes Peak and at the General Motors Proving Ground, Milford, Mich. Operated since March 1960. Equipment: KWM II, MCX 5, Comm. IVs on 6 and 2. Other hobbies: County hounding 40 M T Novice, looking for general class Y L.

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KØVCZ - Peter J. Labowskie

Physician (pediatrician) with own practice. Operated since April 1960. Equipment: Collins xmtr and rcvr. Hygain 6 element Thunderbird beam. Other hobbies: photography, Hi Fi and golf. "Came to Colorado Springs with the Air Force from Pennsylvania. I liked it so much, I decided to stay."

WØGHC - George E. Kowalski

Anelectronic technician at Kaman Nuclear, Garden of the Gods Road. Obtained novice WNØGCH in Dec. 1951. Operated portable as KL7 at Fairbanks and Point Barrow while serving in Air Force as a GCA Radar Technician, 1956-1960. Hobbies: Optical and Radio Astronomy, group singing, gardening. Communications officer for Emergency Services Group, Colorado Civil Air Patrol. Emergency coordinator for AREC for El Paso and Teller Counties. Assistant EC for Boulder County in 1960.

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WB6BUS - Daniel L. Colburn

Plays flute and piccolo in USAF Academy Band. Operating since July 1963. Operated July-Oct 1963 at March Air Force Base, Calif.; Nov. 1963 to June 1965 at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Equipment: Knight T-60 xmtr converted R-270 rcvr. "No antennas allowed outside of barracks, inside ones dont work - HELP!" Other hobbies: bowling, sports cars - Porsche in particular.

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WØIXH - Bruce F. Cushman

Has been with the U. S. Air Force for 11 years, now a personnel technician with Hq. Air Defense Command in the Chidlaw Building. Operating as present call since August 1964. Held previous calls as K7BOB in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1957 and K1DYA in Kingston (near Plymouth), Mass., from 1957 to 1964. Equipment: Swan 350 transceiver, Heath twoer. 10 meter 3 element beam, HyGain trap doublet, 23 foot vertical, 6 element 2 meter beam, 2 meter ground plane. Other hobbies: Modern jazz records.

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(I was lucky-the sixth form came in by mail as I was typing this. How about your cooperation---Ed.)

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

Again the editor will have to apologize for not publishing either of the two fine technical articles on hand by Max Main (this time they're complete with diagrams) and another clever article by Rosemarie Lewis. All of the news of the convention crowded them out.

One of Max's articles will be in the next issue for sure, along with the contribution from Rosemarie. After all, I have to have something for future issues of Ø Beat---there won't be any convention to write about.

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FOR SALE---"Nickey" electronic key (four months old). Will sell for \$10. Selling since I don't need both the Nickey and a Heath electronic keyer. Advertised in QST for \$17.95. Call me at 392-3614 after 5 p.m. or contact me at club meeting. Bruce Cushman, WØ IXH.

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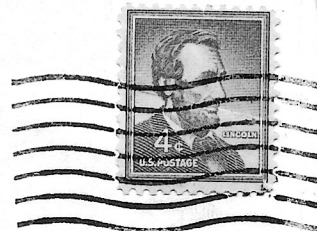
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